

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the subject patent application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): A vessel for treating wort in beer brewing, comprising in combination: a wort guiding screen (3, 22, 30, 34) arranged in an interior of the vessel and provided with a heating means, and a feed pipe (5) ending above said wort guiding screen (3) for discharging wort from above onto said wort guiding screen. ~~The vessel according to claim 1, wherein~~ said wort guiding screen (3, 22, 30, 34) ~~is designed as~~ being a double-walled screen through the interior of which a heating medium can be guided.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): The vessel according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 5, wherein said wort guiding screen is cone-shaped.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The vessel according to claim 7, wherein the angle of inclination of said wort guiding screen relative to the horizontal is between 20° and 40°.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The vessel according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 5, wherein the wort vessel is connected as an evaporation vessel between a wort kettle and a plate cooler.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The vessel according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 5, wherein the wort vessel is combined as a pre-run vessel with a wort kettle.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The vessel according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 5, wherein the wort vessel (40) is preferably combined with a pre-run vessel (66).

Claims 12-25 (canceled).

Claim 26 (previously presented): The vessel according to claim 5, wherein said heating medium is steam.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The vessel according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 5, wherein the wort vessel is connected as an evaporation vessel between a whirlpool kettle and a plate cooler.

Claims 28-30 (canceled).